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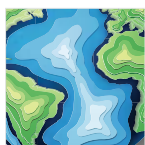
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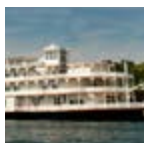
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HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon - Fri | 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday & Open Holidays | Noon - 4 pm

Closed Sunday | DEC - FEB

**JESTER PARK
OUTDOOR RECREATION &
WELLNESS CENTER**

SUMMER HOURS: (*Memorial Day - Labor Day*)

Thurs - Sat | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Memorial Day,
& Labor Day | Noon - 4 pm

FALL & WINTER HOURS: (*until May 28, 2023*)

Saturday | 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday & Open Holidays | Noon - 4 pm

HOLIDAYS CLOSED:

Presidents' Day

Easter Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (*Dec 23-26*)

New Year's Day &

New Year's Day Observed (*Jan 1-2*)

Polk County Conservation strives to host inclusive, accessible events and meetings that enable all individuals to participate. If you anticipate needing a modification due to a disability or have questions about accessibility, please contact us at 515-323-5300 or pccb_info@polkcountyia.gov.



photo: The colorfully lit Trestle to Trestle trail bridge ushers hikers and bikers over Beaver Creek between the cities of Des Moines and Johnston.

//////// UNDER CONSTRUCTION ////////// BUT, WIDE-OPEN FOR RECREATION

You may see a few more large pieces of heavy equipment in Polk County Conservation parks this summer. That's because this year we have some very exciting construction projects kicking into high gear.

You'll see fast movement on creation of the Athene North Shore Recreation Area at Easter Lake Park, installation of the all-weather tubing hill at Sleepy Hollow, and new restrooms, shelter houses and playgrounds popping up across the parks. Conservation is also using heavy equipment to clear out diseased or invasive trees, and stabilize stream banks that are badly eroding — all for the health of our local ecosystems. In the coming years, these exciting construction projects will no doubt, lead even more people outdoors.



Equally exciting is every other park, program or project that will be wide-open for you to enjoy now. This is the first summer the new Trestle to Trestle Trail bridge in Johnston will be open since 2019. You can meet the new live raptors and tour the Native America Indian Artifact Exhibit at Jester Park. And each month our team of dynamic educators will hold program series in parks all across the county. Your Polk County parks are humming with activity. Come be part of it all.

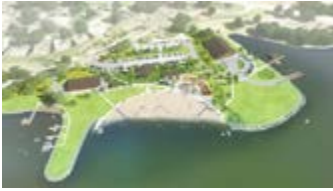
See you on the trails!

Richard Leopold
Director
Polk County Conservation

Bond Updates

GOOD stewards

As part of Conservation's promise of transparency to the voters, this space in Nature News is dedicated to providing updates on projects — large and small — that are funded with bond dollars.



Construction of Athene North Shore Recreation Area

Demolition is done! So this summer you'll see lots of heavy equipment at Easter Lake. From earthwork to building construction, the beachfront will transform into one of the most accessible parks in the country. The official opening is slated for spring 2024.



Year-round tubing coming to Sleepy Hollow

Throughout the summer, crews will be working hard to install an artificial surface called Snowflex on the tubing hill. Yes, that means once installed the public can fly down the hill in the peak-heat of summer! The goal is to re-open Sleepy Hollow in late 2023.



Critical park upgrades

Park and construction staff are running in high gear. At Jester Park the staff is installing new restrooms and shower houses at critical campsites, as well as replacing two shelter houses. Thomas Mitchell Park is getting a new playground.



Ravine remediation effort at Yellow Banks Park

This summer, a contractor will begin work to repair the bed and banks of a ravine that runs between two ponds at Yellow Banks Park. They will first reshape the bed and banks. Then various sizes of rock, like crushed limestone, will be laid down to stabilize the foundation of the ravine. The effort will drastically slow erosion and protect the nearby hiking trail from future damage.



SUSTAINABLE SWITCHES:

Laundry Edition

MAKE YOUR OWN LAUNDRY DETERGENT

With only three ingredients you can make laundry detergent that not only reduces plastic waste (*goodbye giant jugs!*), but can also save you money. This simple detergent recipe will clean up to 64 loads. Store in a closed container of your choice and, when ready to use, just add one to two tablespoons per load. Avoid the added chemicals and plastic waste of store bought detergent by making your own.

Ingredients:

- two cups Borax
- two cups washing soda
- one cup shredded bar soap

GET RID OF DRYER SHEETS

Switching to wool dryer balls instead of dryer sheets can help reduce waste of dryer sheets. Dryer sheets are made from synthetic polyester and can take years to breakdown in the landfill, unlike wool dryer balls which are 100% biodegradable. Standard dryer sheets are only single-use, while wool dryer balls can last up to five years without needing to be replaced.





LOVE of Nature

HOW ONE COUPLE'S LOVE STORY TURNED INTO AN 8+ ACRE GIFT

A country girl and a city boy fell in love, married, and found themselves in the lovely suburb of West Des Moines. Yet the country girl still longed for the greenery, fresh air and freedom of country life. In 1976, after much searching, an advertisement in the newspaper brought Fred and Carol Lockard to a forested acreage with a hayfield behind the house and Santiago Creek snaking through the hills and ravines beyond. The property bordered what would become the Chichaqua Valley Trail. This property has been their family home for the past forty-six years.

Carol's love of nature is seen through her documentation of the land. In 1979 she did an inventory of the property's flora and fauna for a college field biology class. Documentation continued through photos and notes. Sadly, several widespread species are now rare in the area: red fox, opossum, and raccoon; red headed woodpecker and brown creeper; garter snake, little brown snake, bull snake; and various frogs and toads.

When housing developments began popping up around the neighborhood eliminating trees and wildlife habitat, Fred and Carol became worried

about what would happen to this beloved haven. They looked to Polk County Conservation to step in as the caretakers. The Lockards generously donated 8.14 acres of forest, field, and creek, valued at \$280,000.

According to Fred, "I hope people remember that no one owns the land, we are just caretakers. If we don't preserve the natural world now, there won't be anything left of forest and wildlife for future generations to enjoy".



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READ MORE



Fred and Carol Lockard (front, left) meeting with Polk County Conservation to make their donation of land official.

"I hope people remember that no one owns the land, we are just caretakers. If we don't preserve the natural world now, there won't be anything left of forest and wildlife for future generations to enjoy"

— FRED LOCKARD



conservation dogs & their role in the restoration of **ornate box turtles**

“The life of an Ornate Box Turtle is a risky life,” said Drake University Professor of Environmental Science Dr. Keith Summerville. “Hatchlings only have about a one percent survival rate. Ninety-nine percent of all eggs will either fail to hatch or the hatchlings will be consumed by snakes, skunks, opossums, raccoons, hawks, and other predators.”

Despite having a high hatchling mortality rate, the Ornate Box Turtle was once common across Iowa and the Great Plains. They are now categorized as threatened statewide because natural predators are not the only thing threatening their survival. Due to habitat loss, farming, and land development their population has dramatically decreased.

To help conservation efforts, a group of Ornate Box Turtles were rehomed in 1998 from Iowa City where a development project threatened their habitat, to the sandy soil of Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt. Then again in 2004, more turtles were brought from Iowa City with the goal of strengthening the central Iowa population.

They originally needed to be kept in an outdoor enclosure that helped keep predators out and the turtles in. “Turtles are inherently philopatric meaning they tend to orient to where they are born. According to John Christensen’s notes (the original facilitators of the move), the next day the turtles were all piled up in the southeast corner trying to walk back to Iowa city,” Summerville explained.

After a decade, the enclosure was taken down allowing the Ornate Box Turtles to move about their habitat. Throughout the years there have been efforts to track and record the turtles. More recently, these efforts have been revamped through a partnership between Polk County Conservation and Drake University.



Ecologist Cassie Cook examines an ornate box turtle located by a conservation dog.



Conservationists are working to find and monitor the turtles to better inform habitat management, get a clear picture of the population, and find out if they are a sustainable population.

Polk County Conservation Ecologist Cassie Cook said, "Our goal is to facilitate the restoration of a species that historically was here and should still be here. The next nearest location is in Iowa City, so having a strong population here in central Iowa is our goal. They went away because of human influences and we want to remediate that."

To better monitor the turtles' movements, conservationists have been placing radio transmitters



Conservation scent detection dog, Willow, with her handler.

on turtles as they are located. In the last year, conservation scent detection dogs were employed to help find more turtles to equip with transmitters. Finding the turtles also allows staff to gather data on their size, sex, and age.

"We would like to preserve and maintain this population that has been reintroduced and give them the best habitat where they can procreate, increase in their numbers and remain a presence at Chichaqua," Cook said.



**SCAN TO READ MORE
ABOUT WILLOW THE
CONSERVATION DOG**

**SPRING/SUMMER
PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

Refer to the QR Code **OR** visit
LeadingYouOutdoors.org
to get detailed descriptions
and to register.



LEARN ENGAGE PLAY



**04
MAY**

May the Forest be with You

6:30–7:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 12+ | FREE | *Register by May 3*

**09
MAY**

Eco Bus Trip: *Journey Back in Time to Jamesport*

7:30 am–6 pm | Location TBD
Ages: 12+ | \$110/person | *Register by April 25*

**04
MAY**

Toddler Tales – *Eggciting Eggs*

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*

**11
MAY**

Wild Night Life & Hike

8–9:30 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 5+
\$5/person | *Register by May 9*

VOLUNTEER

**06
MAY**

Great Garlic & Mustard Pesto Fest

10 am–1 pm
Jester Park
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, May 5*

**12
MAY**

Catch-n-Croakers

8:30–10 pm
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, Longhouse
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

**15
MAY**

Hike for Health

9:30–10:30 am
Fort Des Moines Park, Shelter #3
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by May 13*

**16
MAY**

Pony Tales

11:30 am
Jester Park Equestrian Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

**16
MAY**

Women in the Woods with Wine – *Raptors of Iowa*

7–9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by May 15*

horse whispers in the woods

A women's circle
of self-discovery
through the intuitive
and healing power
of horses.

Ages 21+ | Women Only



Registration Required
6 pm | \$35/person
May 11 & 18, June 1, July 6, Aug 10

VOLUNTEER

19
MAY

Riverfest 2023

8:30 am-1 pm
Birdland Park
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, May 18*

VOLUNTEER

20
MAY

Spring into Action

10-Noon
Fort Des Moines Park
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, May 19*

21
MAY

Wild Pride - Canoeing

1-2:30 pm | Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt,
Longhouse
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by May 19*

21
MAY

An Afternoon with Aldo Leopold

1-3 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
All ages
FREE | *No registration required*

23
MAY

Sunset Yoga

7:30-9 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by May 21*

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

May 19, June 16, July 14, Aug 18
Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center

6-8 pm

\$5.00/person

FREE: children under 4

Registration Required

24
MAY

National Bee Day Celebration

6-7 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by May 22*

25
MAY

Kayak Basics

6-8 pm
Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
Ages 16+ | \$20/person | *Register by May 23*

01
JUN

Toddler Tales - Frogs

10-10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3-6 | FREE | *No registration required*

02
JUN

Fishing Basics

10 am-Noon
Yellow Banks Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
Ages 5+ | FREE | *No registration required*

03
JUN

Shinrin Yoku

10 am-Noon
Brown's Woods, *old parking lot*
Ages 7+ | \$15/person | *Register by June 1*

03
JUN

Shinrin Yoku

1-3 pm
Brown's Woods, *old parking lot*
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by June 1*

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
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**04
JUN**

Native Prairie Day

1–2:30 pm
Yellow Banks, *Prairie View Shelter*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

**06
JUN**

Archeology Artifacts

10 am–Noon
Yellow Banks Park, *Prairie View Shelter*
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *No registration*

**07
JUN**

Nature Story Hour: Critter Camouflage

Noon–1 pm | Jester Park, *Shelter #5*
All ages
FREE | *No registration required*

**09
JUN**

Picnic in your PJs

6–7:30 pm
Yellow Banks Park, *Prairie View Shelter*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

**10
JUN**

Adult Summer Camp Retreat

9 am–3:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 18+ | \$50/person | *Register by May 27*

**10
JUN**

Metro Mystery Float

10 am–4 pm | Location TBD
Ages: 12+ (w/adult)
\$25/person | *Register by June 2*

**14
JUN**

Eco-Bus Trip: Western Iowa Wonders

7:30 am–5:30 pm
Western Iowa
Ages 12+ | \$100/person | *Register by May 31*

VOLUNTEER

**15
JUN**

Lauridsen Skatepark Volunteer Days

10 am–Noon | Lauridsen Skatepark
All ages
FREE | *Register by Noon, June 14*



JUNE 15 | 6–8 pm

BUCKMILLER SCHWAGER

Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE
Food vendor: ice cream

VOLUNTEER

**NATIONAL
TRAILS
DAY**



JUNE 3 | Time: TBD

All ages | Yellow Banks Park
Register by Noon, June 2

Make your mark on improving our local trails.
Lunch is provided for all who register.



A program specifically designed to help our Veterans.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Jester Park Equestrian Center
Registration Required | All Ages

1 HEROES: CO-ED + PARTNER

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

May 3 – June 21

FREE for Veterans & Service Members

\$40/adult partner

2 CARRIAGE DRIVING

Tuesdays @ 12:30 pm

June 6 – Aug 1

FREE for Veterans & Service Members

3 HEROES: CO-ED

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

July 5 – Aug 23

FREE for Veterans & Service Members

15
JUN

National Nature Photography Day Hike

7:30–8:30 pm

Yellow Banks Park, *Pond Parking Lot*

Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by June 14*

21
JUN

Nature Story Hour: *Insect Safari*

Noon–1 pm

Yellow Banks Park, *Prairie View Shelter*

All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

16
JUN

Prairie Production Plots

9 am–Noon

Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, June 15*

22
JUN

Princess Adventures – *All About Birds*

10–11 am | Jester Park Nature Center

Ages: 4–6

\$5/person | *Register by June 20*

17
JUN

Pond Study

10–11 am

Yellow Banks Park, *Pond Parking Lot*

Ages: 3+ | FREE | *No registration required*

24
JUN

Pony Tales

11:30 am

Jester Park Equestrian Center

All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

20
JUN

Hike for Health

9:30–10:30 am

Easter Lake Park, *Shelter #4*

Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by June 19*

25
JUN

Wild Pride – *Bees and Butterflies*

1–2:30 pm

Yellow Banks Park, *Prairie View Shelter*

All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

20
JUN

Women in the Woods with Wine – *Let's Go Camping*

7–9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center

Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by June 18*

26
JUN

Sunset Yoga

8–9:30 pm | Jester Park Nature Center

Ages 12+

\$15/person | *Register by June 24*

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ECO BUS TRIP

JULY 12 | **JULY 13**
leave 7:00 am | return 6:30 pm



Mississippi River cruise



& FIELD OF DREAMS

Ages 12+ | Register by June 15
\$285/person for double room
\$335/single room

28
JUN

Nature Playdates – Fairy Houses

10:30–11:30 am
Brown's Woods
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

05
JUL

Flora Fauna & History Hike

10 am–Noon
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

06
JUL

Pony Tales

11:30 am
Jester Park Equestrian Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

06
JUL

Toddler Tales – Busy Bees

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*

VOLUNTEER

07
JUL

Prairie Production Plots

9 am–Noon
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, July 6*

07
JUL

Fireflies by Firelight

8:30–9:30 am
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Shelter #1*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

12
JUL

Nature Playdates – Water Wonders

10:30–11:30 am
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

VOLUNTEER

13
JUL

Lauridsen Skatepark Volunteer Days

10 am–Noon | Lauridsen Skatepark
All ages
FREE | *Register by Noon, June 12*

13
JUL

Princess Adventures – Butterflies

10–11 am | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 4–6
\$5/person | *Register by July 11*

17
JUL

Hike for Health

9:30–10:30 am
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by July 16*

NATIVE PLANT

SALE



photo: Red Columbine

MAY 13 & JUNE 10 | 11 am–2 pm
Outdoor Recreation & Wellness Center

Polk County Conservation and
Prairie Landscapes of Iowa are teaming up to
offer two native plant sales this spring. All species
for sale are native to Iowa, and once established,
require minimal care while providing numerous
benefits to our wildlife and landscapes.

18
JUL

Women in the Woods with Wine - Dutch Oven Cooking

7-9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by July 16*

18
JUL

Lunch and Lures

11:30 am-1 pm
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
Ages: 5+ | FREE | *No registration required*

19
JUL

Nature Story Hour: Snakes Alive!

Noon-1 pm
Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #3*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



JULY 20 | 6-8 pm

GRILL N'KAIN TRIO

Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE
Food vendor: ice cream

22
JUL

Leave No Trace

10-11 am
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

22
JUL

Mini Mindfulness Retreat

10 am-Noon
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by July 20*

22
JUL

Shinrin Yoku & Kayaking Combo

1-4 pm | Jester Park, *Shelter #5*
Ages: 12+
\$30/person | *Register by July 20*

24
JUL

Sunset Yoga

8-9:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by July 22*

26
JUL

Nature Playdates - Life in a Log

10:30-11:30 am
Jester Park, *Shelter #5*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



GUIDED TRAIL RIDES

JUNE: 2-17, 30
JULY: 1-22 | AUG: 11-26

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
9:30 am, 11 am, 2 pm

Jester Park Equestrian Center
Ages: 8+ | \$75/person
Pre-Registration Required

29
JUL

Creek Walk

10-11 am | Thomas Mitchell Park,
Thomas Mitchell Park, *Shelter #1*
Ages: 6+ | FREE | *No registration required*

30
JUL

Wild Pride - Catch-n-Croakers

1-2:30 pm | Thomas Mitchell Park,
Pond Parking Lot
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

02
AUG

Nature Story Hour: Music & Movement

Noon-1 pm
Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #3*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

OLDER, WISER, LIVELIER SENIORS

11 am - Noon | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 12+ | FREE | *No registration required*

MAY 2: Endangered Species

JUNE 6: Trees for Bees

JULY 11: Raptors of Iowa

AUG 1: Iowa: *Portrait of the Land*

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
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VOLUNTEER



Mornings

Learn about Iowa's native plants and help to make a positive impact in the gardens this growing season.

TUESDAYS | 9 am – Noon
All ages | FREE

JESTER PARK: May 2, 16; June 13; July 11; Aug 1, 22
EASTER LAKE PARK: June 6, 27; Aug 8, 29
RIVER PLACE: June 20; July 18; Aug 15

Register by Noon
one day prior

in the garden

03
AUG

Toddler Tales – Fish

10–10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *No registration required*

06
AUG

Wild Misconceptions

2–3 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 10+ | FREE | *Register by Aug 5*

09
AUG

Lunch and Lures

11:30 am–1 pm
Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #1*
Ages: 5+ | FREE | *No registration required*

10
AUG

S'mores at Sunset

7–9 pm
Outdoor Rec & Wellness Center
All ages | \$5/person | *Register by Aug 9*

12
AUG

Adult Summer Camp Retreat

9 am–3:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 18+ | \$50/person | *Register by July 29*

12
AUG

Insect Hunt

10–11 am | Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #3*
All ages
FREE | *No registration required*

15
AUG

Pony Tales

11:30 am
Jester Park Equestrian Center
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*



AUGUST 3 | 6–8 pm

JOSHUA SINCLAIR

Jester Park Nature Center
All ages | FREE
Food vendor: ice cream

04
AUG

Prairie Production Plots

9 am–Noon
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
All ages | FREE | *Register by Noon, Aug 3*

04
AUG

The Magic of Nature

10–11 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 3–6 | FREE | *Register by Aug 2*

05
AUG

Ology Hike

1–3 pm | Mally's Park Shelter
Ages: 5+
FREE | *No registration required*

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15 AUG **Women in the Woods with Wine - Sticks and Stones**
7-9 pm | Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 21+ | \$15/person | *Register by Aug 14*

15 AUG **Eco-Bus Trip: On Safari!**
7:30 am-7 pm
Omaha, NE
All ages | \$120/person | *Register by Aug 1*

17 AUG **Lauridsen Skatepark Volunteer Days**
10 am-Noon | Lauridsen Skatepark
All ages
FREE | *Register by Noon, Aug 16*

19 AUG **Shinrin Yoku**
9-11 am
Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #3*
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by Aug 17*

21 AUG **Hike for Health**
9:30-10:30 am
Brown's Woods
Ages: 10+ | FREE | *Register by Aug 20*

21 AUG **Sunset Yoga**
7-8:30 pm
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages 12+ | \$15/person | *Register by Aug 19*

27 AUG **Wild Pride - Fishing**
1-2:30 pm | Fort Des Moines Park,
Shelter #1
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

STORY TELLABRATION

10 - 10:30 am
Jester Park Nature Center
Ages: 2+ | FREE

MAY 17: *Born to be Wild*
JUNE 21: *Busy Bees*
JULY 12: *Color, Color, Everywhere*
AUG 16: *Down the Pond*

No registration required



30 AUG **Full Blue Moon Hike**
8-9 pm | Thomas Mitchell Park, *Pond Parking Lot*
All ages | FREE | *No registration required*

31 AUG **Geocache for Trail Mix**
5:30-7 pm
Fort Des Moines, *Shelter #3*
Ages: 10+ | \$5/family | *Register by Aug 29*

SUMMER SKILLS

YELLOW BANKS PARK

JUNE

8: *Kayaking*
15: *Survival*
22: *Archery*
29: *Geocaching*

OUTDOOR REC & WELLNESS CENTER

JULY

6: *Survival Hike*
10: *Archery*
13: *Kayaking*
17: *Air Rifle*
20: *Canoeing*
24: *Geocaching*

FORT DES MOINES PARK

AUGUST

1: *Archery*
3: *Kayaking*
8: *Survival*
10: *Geocaching*

10 am - Noon

Ages: 10-16 | \$10/session | *Register 2 days prior to session*

ALL PROGRAM DETAILS
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Polk County Conservation
12130 NW 128th Street
Granger, IA 50109

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
AMES, IA
PERMIT NO. 14



1. Beaver Creek Greenbelt
2. Brown's Woods
3. Carney Marsh
4. Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt
5. Chichaqua Valley Trail
6. Easter Lake Park
7. Eagle Roost Wildlife Area
8. Engeldinger Marsh
9. Fort Des Moines Park
10. Fourmile Creek Greenway
11. Gay Lea Wilson Trail
12. Great Western Trail
13. High Trestle Trail
14. Jester Park
15. Lauridsen Skatepark
16. Mally's Park
17. Mark C. Ackelson Trail
18. Oralabor Gateway Trail
19. Strasser Woods State Preserve
20. Sycamore Trails
21. Thomas Mitchell Park
22. Trestle to Trestle Trail
23. Yellow Banks Park